

# Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

for the six months ended 30th September 2004

	Notes	Six months to 30.9.04 £ million	30.9.03 £ million	Year to 31.3.04 £ million
<b>Cash Flow Statement</b>				
Net cash inflow from operating activities	11	120.9	142.4	259.7
Dividends received from associates		0.1	–	0.5
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		(6.7)	(8.1)	(16.4)
Taxation		(32.2)	(19.5)	(43.1)
Capital expenditure and financial investment		(34.6)	(62.4)	(114.4)
Acquisitions		(3.1)	2.2	(18.4)
Disposals	13	24.4	–	–
Equity dividends paid		(39.5)	(38.6)	(56.4)
<b>Net cash flow before use of liquid resources and financing</b>		<b>29.3</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>11.5</b>
Management of liquid resources		12.0	10.5	1.1
<b>Financing</b>				
Issue and purchase of share capital		1.1	3.5	(8.5)
(Decrease) / increase in borrowings and finance leases		(29.1)	(63.5)	6.3
<b>Net cash outflow from financing</b>		<b>(28.0)</b>	<b>(60.0)</b>	<b>(2.2)</b>
<b>Increase / (decrease) in cash in the period</b>		<b>13.3</b>	<b>(33.5)</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt</b>				
<b>Increase / (decrease) in cash in the period</b>		<b>13.3</b>	<b>(33.5)</b>	<b>10.4</b>
Cash outflow / (inflow) from movement in borrowings and finance leases		29.1	63.5	(6.3)
Cash inflow from movements in liquid resources		(12.0)	(10.5)	(1.1)
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows		30.4	19.5	3.0
Loan notes cancelled / (issued) to acquire subsidiaries		–	1.1	(1.1)
Translation difference		0.9	2.0	6.1
<b>Movement in net debt in period</b>		<b>31.3</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>8.0</b>
<b>Net debt at beginning of period</b>		<b>(394.5)</b>	<b>(402.5)</b>	<b>(402.5)</b>
<b>Net debt at end of period</b>		<b>(363.2)</b>	<b>(379.9)</b>	<b>(394.5)</b>